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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think that I can concede that point. If a particular superior officer does not comply with the request of a Government servant, he can address the head of the department and finally come up to the Government. I do not think that it would be advisable to allow M.L.As. or M.L.Cs. or other politicians to interfere in the matter."

Repairs to the footpath on the Feroke Bridge, Malabar.

* 186 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the footpath on the Feroke Bridge, Malabar, is in a damaged condition in some places for the past one year; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to repair the same?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) The footpath on the bridge was damaged in March 1954 in three places close to each other within a length of 15 feet. The damaged portion was repaired and the footpath opened to pedestrians in July 1954."

Interim payment of compensation to Zamindars.

* 187 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether interim payments payable towards compensation to zamindars, are not being paid promptly and regularly; and

(b) whether in this connection the Government have considered the desirability of issuing notices direct to the parties instead of publication in the Gazette a second time?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Interim payments are being deposited with the Estates Abolition Tribunals promptly and regularly.

" (b) No. The Government consider that no change in the present procedure is necessary."

Proposal to take action against the Dravida Sangam and Dravida Munnetra Sangam.

* 188 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether this Government have received any communication from the Central Government with regard to the steps taken against the Dravida Sangam and Dravida Munnetra Sangam in the Madras State during 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."